(b) No complaint has been received about the dumping of vanaspati, sugar or cigarettes by Nepal in India.

(c) Quantity and Value of Vanaspati, sugar and cigarettes imported from Nepal during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (April—December 1999) are given below:—

(Quantity in MTs, Value in Indian Rupees crores)

Commodity	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000 (April—Dec' 1999)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Vanaspati (Code 1516 & 1518)	20044	60.27	47041	184.16	22169	75.42
Sugar (Code 1701)	Nil	Nil	24	0.03	71	0.09
Cigarettes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(d) and (e) There have been complaints that imports of vanaspati from Nepal without payment of customs duty under the Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade is adversely affecting the Indian Vanaspati industry. In such cases, the Treaty provides for the corrective measures to be taken by the Governments of India and Nepal in mutual consultation.

News-item captioned "Major Industrial segments post dismal growth"

2948. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Major industrial segments post dismal growth" appearing in the Economic Times, dated 29th July, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to address the problems leading to the dismal growth performance of the Indian Industries during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on 11th August, 2000, the overall growth rate of industry during April—June was 2000-2001 5.4% as against 5.7 during the corresponding period in 1999-2000. The details of growth as per use-based classification are as under:

Index of Industrial Production-(Use-Based Classification)
Base: 1993-94= 100

Growth over the corresponding period of the previous year

(percentage)

	Weight	April—June	
		1999-2000	2000-2001
Basic goods	355.12	3.3	5.5
Capital Goods	96.87	10.6	0.0
Intermediate Goods	264.39	10.5	4.0
Consumer Goods	283.62	2.1	8.5
Consumer Durables	51.15	13.0	23.9
Consumer- non-Durables	232.47	-0.6	4.1
Overall Industry	1000.00	5.7	5.4

The above table indicates that there has been a marginal decline in the growth of industry during the first quarter of this year. Some sectors of industry like consumer durables, consumer-non-durables and basic goods have posted remarkable growth while some have posted slow-down during the current quarter. Therefore, it is incorrect to say that this is a dismal performance.

Nevertheless the Government is aware of the ASCON Industry Monitor of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) April—June, 2000 over April—June 1999 as per which "industry is consistently recovering and moving forward on the growth path, except some sectors". It is continuously monitoring the performance of the industrial sector and will take necessary steps at appropriate time.

Single Window Clearance for Export-Import

2949. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 791 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 1998 and state: